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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ARRESTS OF SOUTHERNERS

1. DURING WEEK OF FEB 16, THREE PROMINENT SOUTHERN POLITICIANS WERE ARRESTED, REPORTEDLY FOLLOWING DISPATCH OF LETTER CONTAINING GRIEVANCES TO SOUTHERN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. ARRESTED WERE JOSEPH ODUHU (DROPPED LAST YEAR FROM SSU POLITBURO AND REGIONAL CABINET), IZBONI MINDIRI (LIKewise DISMISSED FROM REGIONAL CABINET), AND BENJAMIN AKOK BOL, DEPUTY SPEAKER OF REGIONAL ASSEMBLY. ARRESTS HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED, BUT FACT IS WIDELY KNOWN IN SOUTH.

2. COMMENT. ARRESTS REPRESENT FURTHER CONSOLIDATION OF CONTROL ON PART OF VICE PRESIDENT ABEL ALIER, WHOM MANY IN SOUTH REGARD AS "ESTABLISHMENT" MAN WORKING IN LEAGUE WITH CENTRAL GOVERNMENT TO STIFLE TRUE ASPIRATIONS OF SOUTHERNERS. DURING CIVIL WAR DAYS, BOTH ODUHU AND MINDIRI WERE PROMINENT MEMBERS OF SUDAN AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION

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(SANU), WHICH OPPOSED CONCILIATION WITH NORTH, WHILE

ALIER WAS LEADER OF SOUTHERN FRONT WORKING TOWARD ADDIS ACCORD.  
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